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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24

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1. ON SEPT 7, THE AMBASSADOR RAISED WITH GOTSEV, HEAD OF MFA FOURTH DEPT, THE QUESTION OF ANY UN RESOLUTION CONCERNING PUERTO RICO. HE REFERRED TO EARLIER DEMARCHE OF EMBOFF ON AUG 21 TO TODOROV, HEAD OF THE UN AFFAIRS DEPT (SEE SOFIA 1733), AND REITERATED THAT POSITIONS TAKEN ON THIS SUBJECT WERE BOUND TO IMPACT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE US. AMBASSADOR REVIEWED THE UNGA DECISION OF 1953 AND CONTINUING SUBSEQUENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR PREFERENCES AMONG ALTERNATIVES, INCLUDING INDEPENDENCE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT US HAD NOT RAISED OR TAKEN A POSITION WITH RESPECT TO ALLEGED LACK OF OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF-DETERMINATION OF, FOR EXAMPLE, SOME REGION OF BULGARIA. GOTSEV IMMEDIATELY SEIZED ON THIS ALLUSION TO MACEDONIA TO URGE, IN GOOD HUMOR BUT EARNESTLY, THAT US NOT INVOLVE ITSELF IN THAT QUESTION. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT WE HAD NO INTENTION TO DO SO, BUT THAT THE EXAMPLE COULD PERHAPS ILLUSTRATE WHY THE US REGARDED THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO AS AN INTERNAL
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MATTER WHICH WAS RESOLVED AND ON WHICH NO ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL MEASURE WAS NECESSARY OR WOULD BE HELPFUL.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 9, THE AMBASSADOR ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MELADOV, WHO ATTEMPTED TO DOWNPLAY THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SUCH RESOLUTIONS FOR A SUPERPOWER. THE AMBASSADOR MADE CLEAR THAT THE US

DID NOT REGARD SUCH MACHINATIONS AS HARMLESS NOR AS IN ANY
WAY JUSTIFIED, AND REAFFIRMED THAT POSITIONS TAKEN ON THIS
SUBJECT WERE BOUND TO AFFECT BILATERAL RELATIONS.
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